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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Attn: PCT Branch

Application No.: 09/869,796

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For: FUNCTIONALISED POLYNUCLEOTIDE COMPOUND, OPTIONALLY  
MARKED AND METHOD FOR DETECTING A TARGET NUCLEIC ACID

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/**  
**ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) WITH DECLARATION AND**  
**TRANSLATION OF THE APPLICATION**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed on July 30, 2001, submitted herewith is the executed Declaration of the inventors and an accurate translation of the application. Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Attached is our Check No. 122773 for ☒\$260.00 ☐\$195.00 (entitlement to small entity status is asserted) for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.492(e) and (f).

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notification of Missing Requirements. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notification of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt, and prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE  
UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE  
(DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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TITLE OF INVENTION  
FUNCTIONALISED POLYNUCLEOTIDE COMPOUND, OPTIONALLY MARKED AND METHOD FOR DETECTING A TARGET NUCLEIC ACID

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

**Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
16. ☒ Other items or information: Response to Notification of Missing Requirements with Declaration and Translation

